

GRAHAM AMENDMENT #3 TO H.R. 4737

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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One sentence description of Amendment: This amendment would give states the flexibility to use federal Medicaid and SCHIP dollars to cover eligible legal immigrant children and pregnant women immediately.

Text of Amendment: The Graham amendment (S.582) would amend title IV (Restricting Welfare and Public Benefits for Aliens) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) to grant States the option of covering eligible women and child resident aliens under titles XIX (Medicaid) and XXI (Children's Health Insurance) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act. This amendment would repeal the 5-year limitation on the eligibility of qualified aliens for federal Medicaid and SCHIP.

Offset: Senator Graham will extend Social Security Administration pre-effectuation review provisions, at a phase-in rate of 25% the first year and 50% thereafter, for such time as is necessary to offset this expenditure, but not to exceed ten years.

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